

Statement on Senate Action on Crime Legislation

August 25, 1994

The United States Senate made history today. The long, hard wait is finally over, and the American people are going to get the action against crime they have been demanding for over 6 years.

I want to thank the members of both parties, in the House and Senate, who answered the call of ordinary Americans to get this job done.

With a little good faith and a lot of hard work, Republicans and Democrats overcame the partisan divisions and false choices that have blocked anticrime efforts time and time again.

And because they did, children will be safer and parents will breathe a little easier. Police officers will no longer be threatened by gangs and thugs with easy access to deadly assault weapons designed only for war. Violent criminals are going to learn quickly that the revolving door on our prisons has been locked and bolted shut.

This crime bill is going to make every neighborhood in America safer, and the bipartisan spirit that produced it should give every American hope that we can come together to do the job they sent us here to do.

Nomination for Federal Judges

August 25, 1994

The President today nominated Fred I. Parker to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The President also nominated six individuals to serve on the U.S. District Court: Helen Gillmor for the District of Hawaii; John R. Tait for the District of Idaho; Okla Jones II and G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., for the Eastern District of Louisiana; James A. Beaty for the Middle District of North Carolina; and David Briones for the Western District of Texas.

"These nominees will bring legal talent and dedication to the Federal bench," the President said. "I know they will serve our country with distinction."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Statement on Signing the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1995

August 26, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4506, the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, FY 1995."

The Act provides a total of \$20.5 billion in discretionary budget authority for various programs in the Departments of Energy and the Interior, the Army Corps of Engineers, and several smaller agencies.

I am pleased that the Act substantially funds most of my budget requests for priority investment programs within the Departments of Energy and the Interior and the Army Corps of Engineers, including full funding for the renewable energy portions of the Climate Change Action Plan.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
August 26, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4506, approved August 26, was assigned Public Law No. 103-316.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 22

The White House announced the President will attend the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Indonesia on November 14-16. The President also has accepted the invitations of President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines for a state visit in Manila on November 13 and of President Soeharto of Indonesia for a state visit in Jakarta on November 16.

August 24

The White House announced that President Nelson Mandela of South Africa has accepted the President's invitation to make a state visit to Washington, DC, October 4–6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Yerker Andersson, Audrey McCrimmon, Debra Robinson, and Irving Zola as members of the National Council on Disability.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rhea L. Graham to be Director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines at the Department of the Interior.

August 26

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Martha's Vineyard, MA, for their vacation.

The White House announced the President has nominated Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

The White House announced the President has asked a delegation of Americans, headed by C. Payne Lucas, president of Africare, to travel on his behalf to Burundi, Rwanda, and eastern Zaire, August 27–31. The delegation will urge resolution of the political crisis in Burundi and review relief efforts for Rwandan refugees.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted August 22

Martin Jay Dickman,
of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, vice William J. Doyle III.

Celeste Pinto McLain,
of California, to be a member of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the

term expiring March 20, 1995, vice Carl W. Vogt.

Celeste Pinto McLain,
of California, to be a member of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of 4 years (re-appointment).

Frederick F. Y. Pang,
of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Chas. W. Freeman.

Submitted August 23

Gil Coronado,
of Texas, to be Director of Selective Service, vice Robert William Gambino, resigned.

Marc Lincoln Marks,
of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2000, vice L. Clair Nelson, deceased.

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Clifford B. O'Hara,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, vice William Carl.

Reginald B. Madsen,
of Oregon, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Oregon for the term of 4 years, vice Kernan H. Bagley, resigned.

Eve L. Menger,
of New York, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2000, vice Arden L. Bement, Jr., term expired.

Alfred H. Moses,
of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Romania.

Robert M. Solow,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2000, vice Peter H. Raven, term expired.

Anne Jeanette Udall,
of North Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall